

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the office action dated September 8, 2004. In the office action, claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 1-3, 9 and 14 have been amended. Claim 10 stands canceled. A detailed discussion of each item in the office action follows.

THE 103 REJECTION

In item 3 of the office action, claims 1-2 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Culpepper in view of Carter. In item 4 of the office action, claims 3, 5-6, 11, 14-16 and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Culpepper in view of Carter in combination with Norris. In item 5 of the office action, claims 4, 7-8, 10 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Culpepper and Carter and further in combination with Anders. In item 6 of the office section, claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Culpepper, Carter, Norris, and further in combination with Anders. In item 7 of the office section, claims 12-13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Culpepper, Carter, Norris, and further in combination with Otto. Applicants' are responding to this basis of rejection as follows:

Independent claims 1, 9 and 14 have been amended to day it new structural limitations. In particular, one feature of Applicants' invention is its ability to discriminate between multiple tracking devices and selectively activate them, either singly or in groups, via coded transmissions. This is supported on page 8, lines 19-21, of the application as filed.

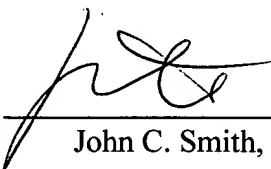
Structural limitations have been added to the independent claims. Further, claimed to his been amended to include limitations related to concealment of the device within the wrapper used to secure money together. Claim 3 was also amended to depend from claim 2. If the Independent claims, as amended, are allowable, than the dependent claims should also be allowable. Applicants' Attorney believes that the claims, as now amended, are not obvious in

light of the Cited Art, and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims with a view towards allowance.

CONCLUSION

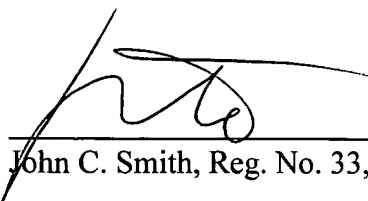
Applicants' Attorney thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's help in prosecuting this invention. In response to the office action, Applicants' Attorney has amended claims 1-3, 9 and 14. Applicants' Attorney has been careful to avoid the introduction of new matter. In addition, a separate petition and fee for a two month extension of time is attached. Applicants' Attorney believes that all items in the office action dated September 8, 2004 have been addressed, and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims, as amended, with a view towards allowance. Applicants' Attorney further invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' Attorney for a telephonic interview at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that prosecution of the application can be furthered by so doing.

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